

## **CHEMICAL APPLICATION PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, AND FERTILIZERS**

### **1. PREPARATION**

- a. Make sure your state Pesticide License is complete and up-to-date before handling any chemicals.
- b. Check calibration for fertilizer and pesticides application equipment to avoid excessive application.
- c. Positively identify pest/weed prior to application.
- d. Use pesticides only if there is an actual pest problem.
- e. Time and apply the application of fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides to coincide with the manufacturer's recommendation for best results ("Read the Label").
- f. Know the weather conditions. Do not use pesticides if rain is expected within label recommendations. Apply pesticides only when wind speeds are low (less than 5 mph), if temperatures are below 85°, and when there is no inversion.

### **2. PROCESS**

- a. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for mixing, application, and disposal ("Read the Label").
- b. Pour Rinsate into tank mix.
- c. Do not mix or prepare pesticides for application near storm drains, preferably mix inside a protected area with impervious secondary containment (preferably indoors) so that spills or leaks will not contact soils.
- d. Employ techniques to minimize off-target application (e.g. spray drift, over broadcasting) of pesticides and fertilizers.
- e. Alert park patrons in the area of your intentions.

### **3. ACTIONS**

- a. Sweep or blow pavements or sidewalks where fertilizers or other solid chemicals have fallen, back onto grassy areas before applying irrigation water.
- b. Triple rinse pesticide and herbicide containers, and use rinse water as product. Dispose of unused pesticide as hazardous waste. Punch holes in side and bottom of container and put lid in different trash can.
- c. Always follow all federal and state regulations governing use, storage and disposal of fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides and their containers ("Read the Label").

#### 4. DOCUMENTATION

- a. Keep copies of SDS sheets for all pesticides, fertilizers and other hazardous products used.
- b. Record fertilizing and pesticide application activities, including date, individual who did the application, amount of product used and approximate area covered.